PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

(v) The Mysore Government Museum.

Galleries.

726. The elimination of the deteriorated specimens in the Natural History section was continued. One hundred and sixteen specimens were acquired as new editions. About 66 valuable specimens relating to Zoology, Ethnology, Sculpture, Arms and Armour were added on to the Museum.

Archæology.

727. The typical and representative collection of sculpture housed in the Archæological section of the Museum was attractive and was witnessed by huge crowds of students of archæology. The Museum, collaborated with the Department of Archæology, Mysore, in the exhibition of Art and Archæology held at Mysore in January 1951 in connection with the Centenary celebrations of the Maharaja's College, Mysore.

Zoology.

728. A collection of 13 reptiles and mammals was acquired for the Natural History Section.

729. There was a regular stream of school children visiting the Museum during the year. The total number of visitors to the Museum was 3,37,881 (2,34,596). The systematic guide lectures to students from Primary Schools on history, fauna, flora and industries of Mysore were delivered on Saturday mornings. Explanatory talks to illiterate visitors formed an important feature of educational work of the institution.

730. The grant for the Museum for the year was Rs. 11,300 (Rs. 11,080).